

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
RCE FOR U.S. APPLN. NO. 09/914,650

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Please add the following new claim 13.

13. (new): A method according to claim 11, wherein the temperature of the pulp suspension is 80 to 90°C at the location at which the bleaching agent is added and immediately downstream of said location and in that the solid content or concentration is 2 to 4% at said location.